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Fraser Valley Council Scoop - December 9, 2022

(To all Active Volunteers, Rovers & Venturers)



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Camp Rovent February 17 -20, 2023

Venturers, Rovers and 4th year Scouts, joining with an experienced Company or Crew are invited to come out and join in the "<u>Very Puzzling Rovent".</u> Ready for the challenge? - featuring puzzle puzzles, mind puzzles and games in all forms!

Location: Cambie Creek, Manning Park

For more information, please see the <u>2023</u> <u>Rovent Registration Package</u> or visit <u>Rovent.ca</u>

The Rovent team will be hosting a fresh Cold Talk via Zoom on January <u>3rd</u> followed by a Q&A session.

Register Here for the Cold Talk.



2023 PCC CAMP LOGJAM

August 28 - September 1, 2023

SAVE THE DATE

The Camp LogJam Committee Team will be holding it's first planning meeting on January 26, 2023 @ 8:30pm via Zoom.

If you are interested in attending the meeting and learning more about the Beaver camp, please contact Katharine Trueman at 604 741 7282 or ktrueman@telus.net



Looking to build some new skills, sharpen existing skills, or pick up some new knowledge while meeting other Scouters?



Standard First Aid Training - Fraser Valley & Lower Mainland



BCY VIRTUAL SCOUTER SKILLS DAY

TOPIC: SCOUTSTRACKER FOR BEGINNER

> WHEN: January 14, 2023

2 AVAILABLE TIMES: 10:00am - 12:00 noon or 1:00 - 3:00 pm



Winter Adventure Safety

Date: January 17th, 2023

Location: Baitur Rahman Mosque - 9570 River Road, Delta

Time: 7pm -9pm

Fee: \$5.00 payable at site to help cover snacks and facility



Winter Scouting Skills

Provided in partnership with Pacific Coast Council.

Date: February 4th, 2023

Location: Camp Whonnock - 27660 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge

Registration <u>HERE</u>

Meeting Link will be sent to upon registration.

Note: Session will be cancelled if there are not enough participants To register please email Dionne Kozak at <u>charlottekay7@gmail.com</u> with your name, section and group. Registration and more information to follow.

Medical Venturers & Rovers



SEEKING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Fraser Valley Council is looking to start a new Medical Venturer and Rover Program under the name of 24th Fraser Valley Medical Scout Group. The group is positioned to start in January 2023 and we are seeking Venturers, Rovers and Scouters interested in forming a new service oriented team in a vocational First Aid program.

While participating in Scouting activities, the aim of the Medical Scout Group is to provide young people with the opportunity to learn basic and advanced First Aid skills in a professionally oriented program. Using a structured and disciplined health care approach, participants will be provided with the opportunity to practice and apply the skills they learn at Council camps and community events.

- If you are a Venturer or Rover interested in the health care profession or in learning advanced First Aid skills for service to your community; or
- If you are a Scouter with a healthcare background and are interested in the development of the next generation of First Aid and healthcare professionals

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU @ Fraservalleycouncil@scouts.ca

As a co-registered vocational group, you get to do activities with both your home group and the 24th Medical Scout Group. Time commitment starts at 1-2 evenings per month.

Questions are welcome and encouraged!

Innovation Through Adaptation



In the 2021–2022 Annual Report, in addition to reporting on our organization's

operations, we're showcasing a few stories of members doing something differently or trying something new — to continue to deliver great Scouting programs. We want to celebrate the youth who went on an adventure for the first time ever, or at least for the first time in two years

2021-2022 Annual Report

Winter Safety Week

When Scouters center youth and start with "Yes! ... and" trusting them to make responsible choices, they are empowering youth to meet their potential. In Scouts, we believe youth are capable of anything.

Safety Week is about centering the youth's perspective on achieving awesome adventures with the safety of all in mind.

It's time to let kids be kids again, safely. Let's celebrate the change in season, and a new program cycle this winter with a week focused on colder weather, tips, and real stories from real members with a special lens focused on safety.

In Scouts, kids develop a wealth of character-building experiences that entertain, develop confidence, and nurture leadership skills for their tomorrows. Scouters also develop their skills through Scouting; with the change in season, now is a great time to focus on winter adventures and how we can predict and prepare to enjoy the great outdoors.

For more information and ideas on how to integrate youth safety activities in your meetings, visit <u>Safety Week</u>.





THANK YOU for your time and <u>everything</u> you do!!!

On behalf of Fraser Valley Council, we extend our deepest appreciation for your valuable time and contribution. The energy, enthusiasm and dedication you bring to Scouting enables the creation of lifelong memories, opportunities for fun and exploration, and helps to build resiliency and confidence while helping young people and peers discover the infinite possibilities available to them. The greatest gift we can give truly is time. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for giving your time!

We wish you the warmest of wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy New Year! May the magic of the holidays fill your heart with peace and happiness.



2 Scouters: Rule & Guide Reminder

Over the past month, Safe Scouting has been addressing numerous incidents & reports which could have been prevented using the Two-Scouter Rule. Please be reminded to always be mindful of the two Scouter rule.

The Two-Scouter Rule and the Code of Conduct express how Scouts Canada ensures safe interactions with children and other members for the purposes of Scouting and Scouting contexts.

What is the Two Scouter Rule?

The Two Scouter Rule is the requirement for two registered Scouters to always be with youth. Notwithstanding Section ratios, two Scouters must always be within the field of view and within earshot of one another when with youth. The Two Scouter rule is an integral part of the Code of Conduct that applies to all Scouts Canada Volunteers and staff.

What should Scouters do if they arrive early to a meeting and other Scouters are not present? Do they remain alone with the youth?

Here are some options to consider if this happens to you:

- Stay outside in plain view.
- Ask parents to accompany you into the hall with the youth and wait with you until another Scouter arrives.
- Keep the meeting room door locked until you have another Scouter with you.
- At the beginning of the Scouting Year, inform parents about our procedures and processes to make sure everyone has a safe Scouting experience; this will help them understand how they can help in a situation like this.
- Please note: Your meeting place should always be ready to receive the youth. If you need to prepare an activity or clear gym equipment to make the space safe and ready, do so before the youth arrive. For your hall to be ready, this means you also have to have a second Scouter with you. If you cannot have a second Scouter, cancel the meeting.

Do Scouters under the age of 18 count towards ratio?

Yes, youth aged Scouters that have completed their Wood Badge Part I are Scouter Ready and count towards ratio. These youth are to be encouraged to work with, and be part of the Beaver, Cub and Scout Scouter teams.

***NOTE** - A youth Scouter is a Scouter only when participating in the section activity they are volunteering in. The Two-Scouter Rule must be respected with these youth outside of those volunteering activities. I.e. you cannot drive a youth scouter to a meeting one on one as they are not participating in a Scouting activity while in transportation

If Scouters are not permitted to transport youth, then why do the Transportation Standards indicate that "The two-Scouter rule applies in all situations...including while transporting youth?

Parents are responsible for providing or arranging transport for their children. While Scouts Canada strongly recommends that Scouters do not transport youth, there may be situations where this is unavoidable. It is important that Scouters recognize that should they transport youth, they do so at their own risk, and as in all engagement with Scouting youth, the two-Scouter rule must be followed at all times.



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